Moreover, antibiotics are to be sold only against the prescription of a registered medical practitioner. If chemists supply antibiotics without prescription they are liable for action under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.

Efforts to check T. B. in the country

4669. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the State-wise number of deaths due to T.B. during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce a crash programme to detect the T. B. affected persons; if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether Government will consider supplying nutritious food to the affected people besides providing free medical, aid; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Government propose to obtain financial aid from the World Bank for the treatment of T.B. patients ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (d) 50 deaths per lakh of population are estimated to occur annually on account of T. B. on a countrywide basis. The revised TB strategy proposed to be implemented with World Bank assistance, lays emphasis on achieving high cure rate rather than detection. Supply of free drugs, but not food items, is envisaged.

National Policy for treatment of women suffering from obstetric problems

4670 SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated the National Health Policy for better treatment of women with obstetric problems in the country ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) The National Health Policy 1983 emphasized the improvement of maternal health by following a comprehensive programme for ante-natal and post-natal care and utilisation of the services of trained birth attendants.

The All India Post-partum Programme provides special inputs to hospitals and institutions having facilities for obstetric care.

The Child Survival and Safe Motherhood (CSSM) Programme aims at improving the health status of women and reducing maternal and infant mortality rates and offers services for pregnant women.

National Oral Health Policy

4671. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to formulate a National Oral Health Policy and if so, the details thereof ;

(b) whether a seminar on 'Oral Health Policy in commonwealth Countries' was held recently in New Delhi ;

(c) if so, the details of the countries which participated and the outcome of the talks ; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) There is no such proposal. However, the oral Health issues are taken care of under the general public health programmes.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Participants included those from United Kingdom, Malaysia, Singapore, Kenya and India. The outcome of the workshop has not been referred to the Government.